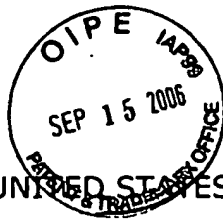


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RESPONSE

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Sir:

Responsive to the final Office Action of June 27, 2006 wherein the examiner allowed claims 10 and 11 and rejected claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) over Moodycliffe et al. '757 and '673, the undersigned submits a copy of the Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.131 which was filed on June 27, 2006, and asserts that it suffices to overcome the examiner's rejection of claim 9 over the Moodycliffe et al. patents. In this regard, although the attachments of the Declaration contain some indecipherable notations, the essential information thereon is clearly readable.

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